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## **AMENDMENTS**

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel, without prejudice, claims 1 and 2; amend claim 3; and add claims 4 and 5, as indicated below in the listing of claims.

## Listing of Claims

Claims 1-2 (Canceled).

3. (Currently Amended) A composition for reducing hypercholesterolemia and high blood homocysteine levels, the composition comprising:

a phytosteroid;

folic acid;

cyanocobalamine;

pyridoxine; and

a dietetic fiber.

- 4. (New) The composition according to claim 3, wherein the phytosteroid is selected from the group consisting of ergosterol, stygmasterol, betasistosterol, campesterol, betasitostanol, and isomers thereof.
- 5. (New) The composition according to claim 3, wherein the composition has a form selected from the group consisting of a powder, a pill, a sugar-coated pill, a capsule, a tablet, a paste, an emulsion, and a granulate.